

Welcome!



Greetings, salutations, and a wag of my tail from Overland Park, Kansas!



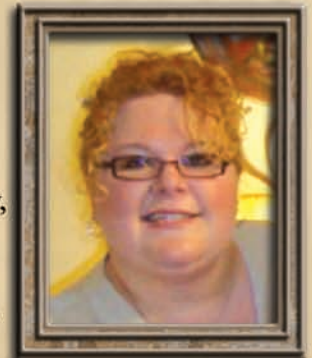
Thank you for taking time to learn more about my loving owners, Mindy and Chris. My name is Roxie, and I am their very happy and spoiled dog. They are both so excited about the possibility of being people parents and making our loving home complete with a little one. I thought I could provide a unique and insightful look into the lives of my mom and dad.

When I moved in three years ago, Mindy and Chris were in the midst of their six-year struggle with infertility. Now, however, they have put the sadness associated with their efforts behind them and are ready to shower a baby with all the love and attention a child deserves – and then some! They are both looking forward to an open adoption and understand that placing your baby will be the hardest thing you will ever have to do. Chris and Mindy are sure they can work with you to come to an agreement everyone will be comfortable with and look forward to sending photos and visiting with you over the joyous years to come.



Chris graduated from the University of Missouri - Kansas City as an electrical engineer in 2000, but is really a Kansas Jayhawk at heart since he did attend some classes at KU. He works for Eaton Cutler-Hammer in Lenexa and enjoys all of the electrical reports he creates. He loves to trade in the stock market but also plays the lottery, too... One day maybe one of the two will really pay off! He gives me morning walks every day. He's the best doggy daddy and I know he will make a great people daddy, too!

Mindy graduated from the University of Kansas in advertising and got her MBA from Keller University in 2000. Until recently, she spent almost 9 years as a buyer for a company that imports and distributes toys and novelties. Right now, Mindy is focusing on getting our house ready for adoption and bringing home a baby. She loves to cook and bake, and sometimes she even makes special doggy treats just for me! She plans to stay home with the baby for six months to a year so he/she can get the best start in life, then return to the career she loves.



Mindy & Chris met in January 1999. They tell me it was love at first sight! Their first date was on the Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, which was also the place they got engaged in July 2001. In June 2002, they were married in Las Vegas with about 100 friends and family in attendance - as well as the best Elvis impersonator ever! The way they got married tells a lot about their relationship - fun even in the most serious and special of times.

Chris is proud to be a Shriner. The Shrine is best-known for its colorful parades, its distinctive red fez, and its official philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children - specialized hospitals where children receive excellent medical care absolutely free of charge. Chris is in the Blue Racer unit and drives a go-kart in parades all around Kansas City and is currently their President. Mindy is the President of the Blue Racer Ladies this year, too. They both really enjoy the friendships and the volunteer opportunities which come from being a Shriner. They can't wait to have a child to accompany them to all the events and parades. It's a blast!



We live in south Overland Park, Kansas. Chris and Mindy bought our house knowing that someday they would be able to share it with at least one little one. We are about a half mile stroll to a little lake that has a wonderful walking path - and we love to take walks! I can't wait to be like the families pushing a stroller when we head out! I promise I will make sure nothing happens to my brother or sister when we are out! We also love to entertain friends and family, especially in our fun game room basement that I know will only get more use when the baby grows up!

Chris and Mindy love and cherish their nieces and nephew – Nicolas, Mackenzie and Alyssa. Alyssa was just born a few weeks ago, so I haven't had a chance to sniff her yet, but I am sure I will like her, too. Mindy's best friend also has two children, Madeline and David, who love "Unkie Chris" and "Auntie MeeMee" very much! They come over quite frequently to spend the night, or be spoiled by going to dinner and a movie or going to Deanna Rose Farmstead. I love when they visit – especially when they drop goodies on the floor for me!



Nicolas, Mackenzie & Alyssa



They both come from loving families. All of Chris's family lives in the Kansas City area. Most of Mindy's family lives in Wichita, which is only 2 ½ hours away. Mindy has a sister and a grandmother that were adopted, so they are familiar with adoption. Besides short road trips to see the Wichita gang, there is always some kind of family vacation each year... usually on the beach at Sanibel Island in Florida, but this year they are taking a cruise in Alaska!

Chris was raised in a Christian home and Mindy was raised in a Jewish home. We celebrate every holiday that comes around – Easter, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Valentine's Day, etc. They look forward to passing on their celebrations to another generation. Mindy and Chris plan on practicing

the Jewish religion with their child while teaching about other religions until he/she is old enough to decide what they feel is right in their heart.

Chris was a very active child and was a Boy Scout and played football all through high school. When Mindy was young, she was a Camp Fire Girl. She took dancing and singing lessons all through high school... and still loves to sing and dance. These days, Friday nights are usually movie night around the house. We all cuddle up on the couch and watch a comedy or action movie. They both look forward to being very involved in their child's activities, whatever his or her passions may be.



Thank you for taking time to learn more about Mindy and Chris... the best doggone parents that I know! If they can love a baby just a fraction of the amount of love they give me, it will be the most loved baby in the world! I want to wish you luck in your journey and do hope you consider them as your adoptive parents for your baby. Please feel free to contact Mindy and Chris or the people they are working with for more information! Well, I gotta go now. It's time for me to go chew on a bone.

Wags and Licks,

Roxie



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